

REMARKS

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2008. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time extending the time for responding to the Office Action from April 9, 2008 to and including July 9, 2008 is submitted herewith.

Claims 14-16 were rejected in the Action. Claims 18-20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claim. Accordingly, claim 14 has been amended herein to include the limitations of claim 18, and that latter claim has been canceled. Therefore, claims 14-16 and 19-20 are currently pending in the present application. No new matter has been added. Applicants set forth remarks relating to the Action below.

In the Action, the Examiner rejected claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,527,786 to Davis ("*Davis*"). Applicants have amended independent claim 14 by incorporating the subject matter from canceled claim 18 therein. Because of the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claim 18, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 14 is neither anticipated nor obviated by *Davis*. Claims 15-16, and 19-20 are also neither anticipated nor obviated, *inter alia*, by virtue of their dependence from amended claim 14.

In light of all of the above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 14-16, and 19-20. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is

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respectfully requested that he telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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